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SUBJECT: LESOTHO: BUILDING SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA IN AFRICA

REF: (A) MASERU 310 (B) STATE 107357 (C) MASER 140

CLASSIFIED BY: June Carter Perry, Ambassador, EXEC , STATE.  
REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

[11](#). (C) Following last week's discussion with the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs (Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment), Ambassador followed up with Foreign Minister Moleleki to seek confirmation of Lesotho's support for Guatemala in the United Nations Security Council. As indicated reftel (A), the Acting Foreign Minister was unable to respond. The FOMIN had previously indicated that Guatemala having not held a seat as a non-permanent member ought to be considered for the seat now held by Venezuela (Refs B and C). He stated July 10 that he would discuss the matter with Lesotho's permanent representative at the UN and would also consult within the government.

[12](#). (C) Comment: We sense that MFA is inclined to support Guatemala, but since many decisions about international positions are made by consensus, we are not certain of the time frame in which we will receive a concrete response. End Comment.

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